

LISTING OF CLAIMS

The following is a copy of Applicants' claims that identifies language being added with underlining ("____") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("---"), as is applicable:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for integrating communication services, comprising:

a computer processor;

a plurality of communication suites of communication services, each respective communication suite comprising:

at least one of a plurality of communications accounts, each communications account associated with one of a plurality of communications services, the plurality of communications services comprising a first communications service; and

a respective option configuration, the respective option configuration comprising at least one configurable option for the first communications service,
wherein each communication suite has a setting for the at least one configurable option;
and

a service interface layer associated with each communication suite, wherein the service interface layer instantiates a user agent for each communications service of the communication suite; and

a tray manager that instantiates each of the service interface layers and regulates a level of communications that occurs between a respective service interface layer and user agents associated with the service interface layer, wherein the tray manager detects when a desktop component that is associated with one of the plurality of communication suites is active and then directs the service interface layer associated with the communication suite to assume an active status and directs a remainder of communication suites to assume an inactive status, whereby the user agents of inactive communication suites notify associated communications services of the inactive states of the communication suites,

wherein the service interface layer for an active communication suite is directed

by the tray manager to communicate directly to a user interface and a service interface layer for an inactive communication suite is directed by the tray manager to suppress communications with the user interface,

wherein the setting associated with the active communication suite is implemented for the first communication service in lieu of recognizing the setting associated with the inactive communication suite

~~a first graphical display area to display information associated with the first communications service, wherein the first graphical display area displays the information in accordance with the respective option configuration of the respective communication suite of a user that is actively utilizing said one of a plurality of communications accounts associated with the respective communication suite.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, ~~wherein the information being displayed is received from a respective communication account of the respective communication suite, wherein the~~ setting corresponds to a configuration setting on configuring message retention folders within a messaging user interface ~~respective communications account is associated with the first communications service.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising:
a first user interface to the first communications service, wherein the first user interface is configured to determine which ~~said~~ of the at least one of the plurality of communication accounts is actively being utilized by ~~the~~ a user.

4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, ~~said~~ wherein each respective communication suite further ~~comprising~~ comprises:

- a username for accessing the respective communication suite;
- a password for accessing the respective communication suite;
- a label identifying the respective communication suite;
- customized rules for implementing the first communications service; and
- a class type, wherein a particular operation may be not be performed for a particular class type.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the first communications service is an email service.

6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising:
a first graphical display area displaying information associated with the first communications service for a respective communication suite of communications accounts that is being actively utilized by the user; and
~~a plurality of second graphical display areas, each respective second graphical display area displaying information associated with the first communications service for a respective communication suite of communications accounts that are~~ is not being actively utilized by the user.

7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6, wherein ~~each~~ the second graphical display area is smaller than the first graphical display area.

8. (Original) The system of claim 5, wherein the respective option configuration includes a folder list for sorting email messages.

9. (Original) The system of claim 5, wherein the plurality of communications accounts include an account to the email service.

10-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A system for integrating communications services, comprising:

a computer processor;

a tray manager ~~means for~~ associating a first communications account of a first communications service with a first identifier;

~~means for~~ the tray manager associating a second communications account of a second communications service with the first identifier, wherein a first communications suite comprises the first communications account and the second communications account;

~~means for~~ the tray manager associating a first options configuration with the first identifier, the first options configuration comprising at least one configurable option for the first communications service;

~~means for~~ the tray manager associating a third communications account of the first communication service with a second identifier, wherein a second communications suite comprises the third communications account;

~~means for~~ the tray manager detecting that one of the communications accounts associated with the first identifier is being actively utilized; and

~~means for~~ a user interface display displaying, upon detection, in a large display area, information received from the first communications service via the first communications account according to the first options configuration[[:]] and

~~means for~~ restricting, upon detection, the display of information associated with the third communications account to a small display area.

15. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the one of the communications accounts is the first communications account.

16. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the one of the communications accounts is the second communications account.

17. (Currently Amended) A system for integrating communication services, comprising:

a computer processor; and

a tray manager means for associating a plurality of communications accounts with a first identifier, the plurality of communications accounts comprising a first communications account for a first communications service and a second communications account for a second communications service;

~~means for~~ the tray manager associating an options configuration with the first identifier, wherein the options configuration includes at least one configurable setting option related to a the first communications service;

~~means for~~ the tray manager detecting that ~~one of the plurality of communications accounts~~ the second communications account for the second communications service associated with the first identifier is being actively utilized; and

~~means for~~ the tray manager implementing, upon detection, the options configuration associated with the first identifier including the at least one configurable setting option related to the first communications service.

18. (Currently Amended) A method for integrating communications services, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

associating a first communications account of a first communications service with a first identifier;

associating a second communications account of a second communications service with the first identifier, wherein a first communications suite comprises the first communications account and the second communications account;

associating a first options configuration with the first identifier, the first options configuration comprising at least one configurable option for the first communications service;

associating a third communications account of the first communication service with a second identifier, wherein a second communications suite comprises the third communications account;

detecting that one of the communications accounts associated with the first

identifier is being actively utilized;

upon detection, displaying in a large display area, information received from the first communications service via the first communications account according to the first options configuration; and

upon detection restricting the display of information associated with the third communications account to a small display area.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the one of the communications accounts is the first communications account.

20. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the one of the communications accounts is the second communications account.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, further comprising ~~the step of:~~ associating a second options configuration, wherein the second options configuration comprises at least one configurable option of the first communications service;

wherein before the detecting step, the large display area displayed information received from the first communications service of the third communications account according to the second options configuration and the second display area displayed information associated with the first communications account.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, the first options configuration including a first folder list of communication messages and the second options configuration including a second folder list of communication messages, wherein after the detecting step, the large display area displayed a complete version of the first folder list and the small display area displayed an incomplete version of the second folder list.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, the displaying step further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

- determining a particular communication account that is actively being utilized;
- identifying that the particular communication account is associated with the first identifier; and
- determining that the first communications service and the first options configuration are associated with the first identifier.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the particular communication account is an email account and the first options configuration includes a folder list for email messages.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, further comprising ~~the step of~~: creating a first identity that is associated with the first identifier, wherein the identity has a first username and a first password;

- wherein the detecting step further comprises ~~the steps of~~:
 - recognizing that a user has assumed the first identity by providing the first username and the first password for the first identity;
 - associating the first identity with the first identifier; and
 - determining that the first communications account and the first options configuration are associated with the first identifier.

26. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the first communications service is an email service.

27. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the first communications service is an Internet call waiting service.

28. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the first communications service is an instant messaging service.

29. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the first communications service is a videoconferencing service.

30. (Currently Amended) A method for integrating communication services, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

associating a plurality of communications accounts with a first identifier, the plurality of communications accounts comprising a first communications account for a first communications service and a second communications account for a second communications service;

associating an options configuration with the first identifier, wherein the options configuration includes at least one configurable setting option related to a the first communications service;

detecting that ~~one of the plurality of communications accounts~~ the second communications account for the second communications service associated with the first identifier is being actively utilized; and

upon detection, implementing the options configuration associated with the first identifier including the at least one configurable setting option related to the first communications service.

31. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein the one of the plurality of communications accounts associated with the first identifier that is being actively utilized is not a communications account for the first communications service.

32. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein the first communications service is an email service.

33. (Original) The method of claim 32, wherein the options configurations include customized email settings for the email service.

34. (Original) The method of claim 33, wherein the one of the plurality of communications accounts associated with the first identifier that is being actively utilized is an account to an instant messaging service.